

SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY



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BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY  
TOGETHER WITH A  
LIST OF MEMBERS.

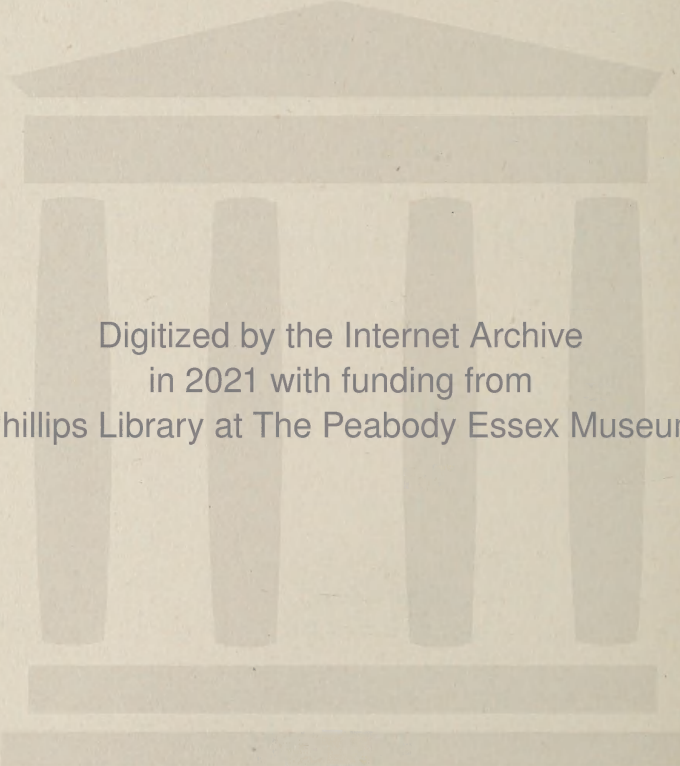
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## INTRODUCTION.

At a meeting of the Salem East India Marine Society held in the East India Marine Hall building, October 4th, 1899—being the Centennial Anniversary of said Society, it was voted unanimously to print a new corrected edition of the By-Laws, Act of Incorporation, list of members, etc., the last edition having become imperfect on account of additional membership and decease of members. The Secretary was authorized to revise and correct the edition of 1870, up to the present time; adding the Report of the Committee prepared for the one hundredth anniversary of the Society, and read at this meeting. Also a paper prepared by Mr. John Robinson, an honorary member of the East India Marine Society, in regard to the development of the museum.

In accordance with the above vote the following is respectfully submitted.

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THE SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY is composed of persons who have actually navigated the seas beyond the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn, as masters or supercargoes of vessels belonging to Salem. It was founded in October, 1799, and obtained an act of incorporation in 1801. Four hundred members have been admitted since its formation. The Society at present numbers twenty-one living members.

The chief objects of the Institution, as stated in the Preamble to the Act of Incorporation, is that of "affording relief to disabled seamen, and to the indigent widows and families of deceased members and others, and of promoting a knowledge of navigation and trade to the East Indies."

In the furtherance of these objects a vast deal has been accomplished by the Society. No trifling amount of money has been expended for benevolent purposes, and the world-renowned East India Museum, now in the care of the Peabody Academy of Science, will long testify to the patience and fidelity of the members of the Society, who, with laudable pride, have personally made most of the contributions.

Since the Museum passed into the care of the Peabody Academy of Science, the chief object of the Society has been benevolence, and with the income from its funds it now renders invaluable assistance to its unfortunate members and their families, and, established on this basis, though it may never actively be engaged as a promoter of science, yet it cannot fail, under proper management, to be a blessing to the poor, "whom ye have always with you."

SALEM, October, 1899.



## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

### AN ACT.

*To incorporate BENJAMIN HODGES and others into a Society by the name of THE SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY.*

WHEREAS, Benjamin Hodges and others, have petitioned to be incorporated for the laudable purpose of affording relief to disabled Seamen, and to the indigent Widows and Families of deceased Members and others ; and of promoting a knowledge of navigation and trade to the East Indies :

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Benjamin Hodges, Benjamin Carpenter, John Osgood, and Jacob Crowninshield, together with all others who now are, or hereafter may be associated with them, be, and they hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of THE SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all actions, real, personal and mixed ; and the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use a Common Seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure, and shall have and enjoy all the privileges and powers incident to a Corporation.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation

be, and the same is hereby made capable in law, of having and holding, by gift, grant, device, or otherwise, any Estate, real or personal, *Provided*, the same shall not exceed forty thousand dollars in value.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation may annually, or at any special meeting, called for the purpose, elect all such officers, and make, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, rules and regulations, as to calling future meetings, the election and admissions of members, and the government thereof, as they shall judge to be necessary; *Provided*, that the same shall in no respect be repugnant to the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforementioned Benjamin Hodges, Benjamin Carpenter, and John Osgood, or any two of them, be, and they hereby are, authorized, by a notification, under their hands, published in the Salem Gazette, three weeks successively, to call a meeting of the members of said Society, to be holden at any suitable place in said Salem.

SECT. 5. *Provided*, nevertheless, that the said Society shall neither directly nor indirectly, deal or trade in buying or selling any goods, wares or merchandise, or commodities whatsoever; *Provided also*, no person shall be eligible as a member of said Society, unless such as have actually navigated the seas near the *Cape of Good Hope, or Cape Horn*.

In the House of Representatives, March 2, 1801.

This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, Speaker.

In the Senate, March 3, 1801.

This bill, having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, President.

March 3, 1801. By the Governor approved :

CALEB STRONG.



## BY-LAWS.

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We, the subscribers, being fully convinced that advantages would result from a friendly association of such persons as have or shall navigate in the Seas near or beyond the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn, either as Masters or Commanders of Ships, or as Factors or Supercargoes, have formed ourselves into a Society by the name of the SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY, and do hereby agree to the following :

### ARTICLES.

ART. 1. Any person shall be eligible as a member of this Society, who shall have actually navigated the Seas near the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn, either as Master or Commander, or, being of the age of twenty-one years, as Factor or Supercargo of any vessel belonging to Salem, or if resident in Salem, of any vessel belonging to any Port in the United States.

ART. 2. Any person shall be eligible as an Honorary member of the Society, who shall have contributed not less than One Hundred Dollars to the funds of the Society. Honorary Members shall be entitled to the same privileges of the Museum (Peabody Academy of Science), as are possessed by the regular members, but shall not be entitled to be present or vote at the meetings of the Society, or be recipients of their charities. They shall be elected in the same manner and under the same conditions as are prescribed for the election of regular members in the Article following this.

ART. 3. The election of members shall be by ballot, and

the votes of three-fourths of the members present shall be necessary to admission, and no vote on the admission of a candidate shall be taken at the same meeting at which he is proposed, unless for sufficient reasons the President and a majority of the Committee of Observation shall direct it.

ART. 4. The Society shall have a President, a Committee of Observation, consisting of three members, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen by ballot annually on the first Wednesday in January, and in case a vacancy shall take place in either of the said offices, by death or otherwise, the Society at their next stated meeting shall fill the same for the residue of the year. There shall also be a Distributing Committee, consisting of three members, of which the Treasurer shall be one. They shall be nominated by the President and elected for two years; the senior member of the other two shall retire each year, but not be thereby disqualified for re-election.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and receive and sign all communications, and direct the execution of all orders of the Society.

ART. 6. The Committee of Observation, by and with the advice of the President, shall have a general supervision of the affairs of the Society, inspect its records, and have the care of the investment of its funds. In the absence of the President, the senior member of this Committee who may be present shall preside, or a Moderator be chosen.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall keep a true and full account of all moneys received and paid on account of the Society, and shall, at the annual meeting in January, submit a statement of the Funds of the Society, and his accounts previously examined by the Committee of Observation, and counter-

signed by the President. He shall give Bonds to the satisfaction of the President and Committee of Observation.

ART. 8. The Secretary shall notify the members of each meeting of the Society, by printed notice, at least three days previous to the time fixed for the meeting.

He shall keep a record of all doings of the Society at every meeting, shall notify all members chosen as Officers, or on Committees, and when persons are admitted as members, shall give them notice of such admission, and when they have signed the Books, shall give them a copy of the Act of Incorporation, By-Laws, Names of Members, &c.

ART. 9. The Distributing Committee shall have the care of the disbursement, for benevolent purposes, of such income from the Funds of the Society as they may deem expedient, but in no case shall the net annual income be exceeded for such purposes.

ART. 10. Each member, at his admission, shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of twenty-five dollars, and such admission fee shall be added to the fund of the Society, and shall not be devoted to benevolent purposes.

ART. 11. The Society shall meet four times in a year, namely: on the first Wednesday in January, April, July, and October.

ART. 12. The presence of at least five members shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 13. The Funds of the Society shall be invested under the direction of the President and Committee of Observation, in the stock of some Incorporated Companies, or in the



Public Funds, or let at interest on Bond or Mortgage of Real Estate, or in such other safe securities as the President and committee may deem best.

ART. 14. Any member, or the widow or children of any member, who may be in want of assistance, shall apply to the Distributing Committee, who may, if they think proper, and with the advice of the President, assist such person with any funds they may have devoted to such purpose.

But no member shall be entitled to any relief from the Society, until he has been a member for the term of five years. If any member dies within five years from the time of signing the books of the Society, his admission fees shall be refunded to his widow and children if demanded, but if they do not demand it, they shall be entitled to all proper assistance from the Society after the expiration of the five years. No child of over sixteen years of age, shall receive assistance on account of his or her father having been a member, unless they require it from incapacity or ill health. No expelled member nor one who voluntarily left the Society, shall be entitled to assistance.

ART. 15. Any member who shall be guilty of any notorious crime, or given to excessive drinking, shall be liable to be expelled from the Society, by the votes of three-fourths of the members present, at any quarterly meeting. But no expulsion shall take place at the same meeting at which it is proposed, nor until the member complained of shall be notified of the same, by written notification signed by the Secretary at least one month previous to the vote being taken.

ART. 16. To prevent injuries from unfounded charges of misconduct in foreign voyages, the society shall, on applica-

tion of any member who may conceive himself thus charged, institute an inquiry by a special committee of five persons, to be chosen by ballot, who shall report the result thereof ; and if two-thirds of the members present are of opinion that the charges are unfounded, the person applying shall be entitled to a certificate of the same, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary.

ART. 17. Politics shall not on any occasion be introduced into the society.

ART. 18. No new By-Law shall be added, nor shall any By-Law be repealed, until it shall have been reported upon at one of the stated meetings by a committee chosen at some previous meeting ; and every member shall have written on his notification for the meeting, that such change is proposed.

ART. 19. The Secretary shall call special meetings of the Society, whenever, in the opinion of the President, the business of the Society may require it, or upon written application of not less than five members.

# LIST OF MEMBERS.

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No.	Time of Admission.	Names of Members.	Remarks.
1	October, 1799.	Jonathan Lambert,	Died in Salem, March 9, 1804.
2	"	Ichabod Nichols,	Died in Salem, 1839.
3	"	Benjamin Carpenter,	Died in Cambridge, 1823.
4	"	Benjamin Hodges,	Died in Salem, April 13, 1806.
5	"	John Osgood,	Died in Salem, December, 1826.
6	"	Jonathan Mason,	Died in Salem, July, 1808.
7	"	Benjamin Crowninshield,	Died in Salem, 1837.
8	"	Thomas Chipman,	Died in Salem, 1822.
9	"	Daniel Sage,	Died in Salem, 1836.
10	"	John Ropes,	Died in Salem, 1828.
11	"	Jonathan Hodges,	Died in 1837.
12	"	Jacob Crowninshield,	Died in Washington, April 15, 1808.
13	"	Benj. Webb, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1827.
14	"	Henry Clarke,	Died in Amboyna, 1802.
15	"	Nathaniel Silsbee,	Died in Salem, July 14, 1850.
16	"	John Prince,	Dead.
17	"	John Felt,	Died at Martha's Vineyard, August, 1802.
18	"	Joseph Ropes,	Died in Salem, September 29, 1850.
19	"	Wm. Richardson,	Died in Salem, December, 1807.
20	"	Benj. Bullock,	Died in Vermont, 1818.
21	"	Richard Gardner,	Died in 1839.
22	"	Wm. Robinson,	Left Society.
23	"	Josiah Orne,	Died in Salem, 1825.
24	"	John Gibaut,	Died in Gloucester, August, 1805.
25	"	George Girdler Smith,	Died in Salem, November, 1810.
26	"	Jonathan Ingersoll,	Died in Windsor, Vt., July 9, 1840.
27	"	Thomas Putnam,	Died in Danvers.



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28	Octob r, 1799.	Daniel Hathorne,	Lost at Sea, 1805.
29	" "	Edward West,	Died in 1844.
30	" "	Jonathan Carnes,	Died in Salem, 1827.
31	November, 1799.	Clifford Crowninshield,	Died in Salem, June 2d, 1809.
32	December,	James Barr,	Died in 1847.
33	" "	George Hodges,	Died in Salem, 1827.
34	" "	Enoch Swett,	Died at Sea, 1803.
35	" "	Israel Williams,	Died in Salem.
36	" "	Moses Townsend,	Died in 1842.
37	" "	Benjamin Lander,	Died in Salem, 1817.
38	March, 1800.	Samuel G. Derby,	Dead.
39	" "	Samuel Lambert,	Dead.
40	" "	Henry Elkins,	Dead.
41	May,	John Burchmore,	Died.
42	June,	James Devereux,	Died in Salem.
43	July,	William Ives,	Left Society.
44	August,	George Nichols,	Died in Salem.
45	" "	William Ward,	Left Society.
46	" "	Richard Wheatland,	Died in Salem.
47	September, 1800.	Elias H. Derby,	Died in New Hampshire, 1826.
48	" "	Henry Prince,	Died in Salem, 1846.
49	" "	Nathaniel Bowditch,	Died in Boston, 1838.
50	" "	Stephen Phillips,	Died in 1838.
51	November,	Dudley L. Pickman,	Died in Salem, October, 1846.
52	" "	Samuel Skerry,	Died in Salem, October 30, 1808.
53	December.	William Brown,	Lost on Cape Cod, March, 1802.
54	January, 1801.	Joseph Orne,	Massacred near Mocha, 1806.
55	" "	George Ropes,	Drowned near Gibraltar, March, 1807.
56	May,	William Mugford,	Died in 1841.
57	August,	Joseph White, Jr.	Died in Salem, May, 1816.
58	December,	Nathaniel Ingersoll,	Left Society.

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59	July, 1802.	Henry Tibbetts,	Died in 1842.
60	" "	Timothy Bryant,	Died in 1838.
61	September, 1802.	George Burchmore,	Died in Ohio, 1822.
62	" "	Nathaniel Appleton,	Died in Salem, 1809.
63	" "	Nathan Robinson,	Died in Salem, 1814.
64	" "	John Barton,	Died in Salem, 1819.
65	" "	James Stuart,	Died at Sea.
66	" "	Joseph Phippen,	Died at Sea.
67	January, 1803.	Daniel Saunders,	Died in Salem, 1825.
68	" "	John Collins,	Died in Salem, 1824.
69	March, "	Johnson Briggs,	Believed to have died abroad.
70	" "	Joshua Goodale,	Died in 1850.
71	September, "	George Cleveland,	Died in 1840.
72	November, "	William Lander, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1834.
73	" "	John Holman,	Died in Utica, N. Y., 1852.
74	" "	Thomas Bickford,	Died at Sea, 1820.
75	January, 1804.	Richard Ashton,	Died at Sea, 1805.
76	" "	John Endicott,	Died in New Mills, 1834.
77	" "	John Forrester,	Died in Salem, 1837.
78	" "	Joseph Knapp,	Died in Salem, August 15, 1847.
79	" "	John Clarke,	Died in West Indies.
80	March, "	Thomas B. Osgood,	Died in Salem, 1818.
81	May, "	William Ashton,	Died in Salem, 1835.
82	" "	James Gilchrist,	Died in New Hampshire, 1826.
83	" "	Ward Blackler,	Died at Sea, September, 1815.
84	July, "	Benjamin Swett,	Died in Andover, 1820.
85	September, "	John R. Dalling,	Died in Salem, March, 1803.
86	" "	Solomon Towne,	Dead.
87	" "	Abijah Northey, Jr.,	Died in Salem, October 25, 1853.
88	" "	Jesse Smith,	Died in Salem, 1844.
89	" "	Jere Lee Page,	Dead.

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90	September, 1804.	George Peirce,	Died in Salem.
91	" "	William P. Orne,	Died in Springfield.
92	November, " "	Henry White,	Died in Salem, 1826.
93	March, " "	John Andrew,	Died in Salem, 1829.
94	July, " "	Jeremiah Briggs,	Died in 1844.
95	November, " "	William Story,	Died in Salem, March 17, 1860.
96	" "	Thomas West,	Died in Salem, 1847.
97	" "	Nathaniel Hathorne,	Died in Surinam, 1808.
98	March, 1805.	Thomas Ruee,	Lost at Sea, 1813-14.
99	September, 1805,	William Haskall,	Died in Cuba, 1833.
100	November, " "	William Allen,	Died in Salem, 1853.
101	January, 1806.	Charles Burrill,	Died abroad.
102	" "	Francis Coffin,	Dead.
103	March, " "	Peter Lander, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1832.
104	July, " "	John Beckett, Jr.,	Died at Sea, 1815.
105	September, " "	Nathan Leach,	Died in Boston, 1826.
106	" "	John White,	Died 1840.
107	" "	Joseph Beadle,	Died in Salem, October, 1848.
108	November, " "	Thomas W. Ward,	Left Society.
109	" "	Benjamin Goodhue, 3d,	Died in Salem, 1819.
110	" "	Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1810.
111	" "	Richard Ward, Jr.,	Died in New Orleans, 1826.
112	" "	Charles Saunders,	Died in Cambridge, April 7, 1864.
113	" "	Samuel Dudley Tucker,	Died in Salem, October 27, 1857.
114	" "	Timothy Wellman, 3d,	Lost at Sea, 1822-23.
115	" "	Benjamin Beckford,	Died in Beverly, September, 1811.
116	January, 1807.	Oliver Obear,	Died in New York, 1849.
117	May, " "	Samuel H. Ward,	Left Society.
118	" "	Robert Emery,	Died 1841.
119	" "	George Dutch,	Left Society.
120	July, " "	John Winn,	Died in 1836.



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121	September, 1807.	Jacob Endicott,	Died in Charlestown, 1816.
122	" "	John Carlton,	Dead.
123	" "	Stephen White,	Died in 1841.
124	November, " "	Samuel Rea,	Died in 1842.
125	" "	John Dodge,	Died in Salem.
126	" "	James Cook,	Died in Havana.
127	" "	William Fairfield,	Died in Salem, 1825.
128	" "	Jonathan Goodhue,	Died in New York, 1848.
129	" "	William Russell,	Dead.
130	January, 1808.	Edward Norris,	Died at New Haven, 1851.
131	" "	Nathaniel W. Williams,	Left Society.
132	" "	James M. Fairfield,	Died in Salem, 1842.
133	May, " "	Nathaniel Kinsman,	Died in Salem, November, 1808.
134	August, " "	John Beckford,	Died in South America.
135	September, " "	Samuel B. Graves,	Died in South Carolina, 1825.
136	November, " "	John Norris, Jr.,	Left Society.
137	" "	John Cabot, Jr.,	Left Society.
138	January, 1809.	William Ropes,	Died in Boston, March, 1869,—84 years.
139	November, " "	Henry Blanchard,	Died in 1826.
140	" 1810.	John W. Treadwell,	Died in Salem, April, 1857.
141	May, 1811.	Jonathan P. Saunders,	Died in 1844.
142	March, 1812.	Holton J. Breed,	Died in Salem, April, 1868,—86 years.
143	May, " "	W. P. Richardson,	Died in Salem.
144	July, " "	Edward D. Waldo,	Died in Salem, 1859.
145	March, 1813	N. L. Rogers,	Died in Salem.
146	" "	William H. Prince,	Died in Europe, 1816.
147	" "	John W. Rogers,	Left Society.
148	" "	Abner Briggs,	Died in New Orleans, 1816.
149	" 1815.	Charles Pearson,	Dead.
150	November, 1815.	Nicholas Thorndike,	Died in China Sea.
151	January, 1816.	William Fettyplace,	Died in East Boston, 1867.

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152	January, 1816.	James Chever,	Died in Salem, 1857.
153	September, 1817.	Nathaniel Page,	Died in Holland, 1823.
154	July, 1818.	C. Moses Endicott,	Died in N. Hampton.
155	November, 1818.	Timothy Bryant,	Died in Salem, 1870.
156	March, 1819.	George Archer,	Died in Oswego, N. Y., 1833.
157	" "	Richard S. Rogers,	Died in Salem, June 11, 1873, aged 83 years.
158	" "	Samuel Kennedy,	Died in Salem, 1851.
159	November, 1819.	Samuel Briggs.	Died on Coast Sumatra.
160	" "	Thorndike Proctor,	Died in Salem, 1834.
161	" "	Joseph Felt,	Died in Salem, 1856.
162	July, 1820.	Philip P. Pinder,	Died in Salem, 1864.
163	" "	Jonathan P. Felt,	Died in Salem, 1860.
164	" "	Benjamin Shillaber,	Died in 1840.
165	" "	John B. Osgood,	Died in Salem, 1854.
166	" "	Samuel Perry,	Died in Havana, 1821.
167	" "	Charles Forbes,	Died at Madagascar, 1821.
168	" "	Nathan Cook,	Lost at Sea, 1827.
169	" "	Thomas Saul,	Died in Salem, January 27, 1875, aged 87 yrs.
170	" "	John Peabody.	Died in Batavia, 1821.
171	September, 1820.	Charles C. Bessell,	Died in Sumatra.
172	" "	George W. Grafton,	Died in Madagascar, 1826.
173	" "	Daniel Bray, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1850.
174	October, " "	Samuel Endicott,	Died at Sea, 1828.
175	" "	Hiram Putnam,	Left Society.
176	November, " "	Charles Lawrence,	Died in Danvers, 1878.
177	" "	Charles Treadwell,	Died in Ipswich, 1855.
178	" "	William H. Neal,	Died in Salem, 1851.
179	" "	Joseph Bowditch,	Died in Salem, 1824.
180	December, " "	Benjamin Vanderford,	Died at Sea, Exploring Expedition, 1842.
181	January, 1821.	Allen Putnam,	Died in Salem, 1868.
182	March, " "	Samuel R. Putnam,	Died in Boston, 1861.

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183	March, 1821.	William Osgood,	Died in Salem, 1834.
184	" "	Henry Prince,	Died in Portland, 1854.
185	" "	George Gregerson,	Left Society, 1840.
186	" "	Jeremiah Page,	Died in Salem, 1867.
187	" "	Henry Ropes,	Died in Salem, 1861.
188	April, " "	Joseph Preston,	Died in Salem, 1840.
189	May, " "	John Frost,	Died November 21, 1880, aged 94 years.
190	" "	William D. Waters,	Died in Salem, April 20, 1880, aged 82 years.
191	June, " "	Timothy Endicott,	Died in Sterling, 1865.
192	July, " "	William Messervey,	Died in Salem, 1852.
193	" "	James B. Briggs,	Died in Salem, 1857.
194	August, " "	William Cleveland,	Died in 1842.
195	" "	E. H. Derby,	Dead.
196	November, 1821.	Edward Orne,	Left Society in 1814.
197	December, " "	Joseph Hodges,	Died in 1863.
198	January, 1822.	Henry Nichols,	Left Society.
199	April, " "	Benjamin Barstow,	Died in Salem, 1823.
200	" "	Joseph Peirce Nichols,	Died at Lima, 1823.
201	" "	Richard Meek,	Dead.
202	May, " "	Charles Millett,	Died in Salem, June 6, 1878, aged 85 years.
203	" "	John Prince,	Dead.
204	July, " "	Henry G. Bridges,	Died in China, 1849.
205	" "	Samuel Hodgdon,	Died at Sea, 1824.
206	September, " "	Samuel Benson,	Died in Salem, 1862.
207	" "	Stephen Wilkins,	Died in Danvers, 1868.
208	" "	Henry King,	Died in Salem, 1834.
209	October, " "	Stephen Brown,	Left Society in 1839.
210	" "	James King,	Died in Salem, Feb. 27, 1873, aged 91 years.
211	February, 1823.	R. W. Gould,	Died in Salem, April 21, 1873, aged 89 years.
212	" "	H. T. Whittredge,	Died in Salem, 1830.
213	March, " "	Francis Boardman,	Died in Salem, 1870.

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214	March, 1823.	Thomas Moriarty,	Died in New York.
215	May, "	Nathaniel Kinsman,	Died in Canton, 1847.
216	" "	Samuel Endicott,	Died in Beverly, January, 28, 1872,—78½ yrs.
217	August, "	Charles T. Savage,	Left Society, 1833.
218	September, "	Nathaniel Griffin,	Died in Salem, June 28, 1876.
219	" "	James D. Gillis,	Died at Sea, 1835.
220	December, "	Ephraim Emmerton,	Died in Salem, March 23, 1877.
221	January, 1824.	John Day,	Died in Roxbury, 1869.
222	February, "	Emery Johnson,	Died in Salem, 1845.
223	" "	George Osborn,	Died September 21, 1882.
224	May, "	Samuel Waite,	Died in Salem, 1826.
225	July, "	William Osborn,	Died in New Orleans, 1839.
226	" "	Francis W. Pickman,	Discharged by request, May 4, 1842.
227	" "	George W. Endicott,	Died in New York, 1870.
228	" "	John Story,	Died in Lynn, 1858.
229	" "	John Shillaber, Jr.,	Died in Danvers, 1853.
230	" "	John Robinson,	Died in Salem, 1846.
231	August, "	Richard E. Orne,	Left Society, 1844.
232	October, "	John T. Mansfield,	Died in 1839.
233	November, "	Henry Leavitt,	Lost at Sea.
234	" "	Jonathan M. Ropes,	Left Society, 1867.
235	" "	Aaron W. Williams,	Died in Philadelphia, 1830.
236	January, 1825.	James Barr, Jr.,	Died in New York, 1853.
237	March, "	Thomas Bowditch,	Died in 1841.
238	September, "	J. Willard Peele,	Died in Beverly, September, 1871.
239	" "	John Hodges,	Died April 28, 1882, aged 79 years.
240	October, "	William Brown,	Died at Sea, 1833.
241	November, "	Joseph J. Knapp, Jr.,	Died in Salem, 1830.
242	" "	George Hodges, Jr.,	Died at North Andover, 1861.
243	January, 1826.	Benjamin W. Brookhouse,	Died at Sea, 1831-32.
244	March, "	John Marshall,	Died in Salem, 1850.



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245	May, 1826.	William H. Low,	Died at Cape Good Hope, 1834.
246	July, "	William C. Dean,	Died in Calcutta, 1831.
247	" "	Thomas M. Saunders,	Left Society, 1842.
248	August, "	William R. Smith,	Left Society, 1863.
249	" "	Jesse Smith, 3d,	Dead.
250	September, "	Josiah Lovett, 2d,	Died in Beverly, 1854.
251	" "	Joshua Kinsman,	Died at Sea, 1841.
252	November, "	Charles Roundy,	Died in Salem, February 27, 1886,—92 years.
253	January, 1827.	John Hammond,	Died in Salem, 1864.
254	March, "	Thomas Cloutman,	Died in Salem, 1854.
255	" "	Benjamin Chapman,	Died in Salem, 1853.
256	July, "	William Johnson,	Dead.
257	August, "	George T. Saunders,	Died in Salem, 1856.
258	" "	Joseph Webb,	Died in Pulo Penang, 1846.
259	September, "	John Beckford,	Died at Eastport, Sept. 10, 1873, aged 82 years.
260	" "	Samuel Gale,	Dead.
261	November, "	John E. Giddings,	Died in Beverly, 1849.
262	January, 1828.	Gilbert G. Newhall,	Died in Salem, 1863.
263	March, "	John Goodridge,	Died at Sea, 1828.
264	May, "	Azor Marshall,	Died at Sea, 1833.
265	July, "	Samuel Barton,	Died in Salem, 1840.
266	" "	Jacob Caldwell,	Died in 1842.
267	October, "	George D. Richardson,	Left Society, 1853.
268	January, 1829.	George W. Jenks,	Died in St. Louis, 1867.
269	May, "	John Endicott, Jr.,	Died in New York, May 6, 1878,—73 years.
270	" "	Samuel Groce,	Left Society, 1846.
271	" "	J. H. Eagleston,	Died in Salem, Sept. 24, 1884, aged 81 years.
272	January, 1830.	William Skerry,	Died on West Coast of Africa, 1841.
273	" "	John Bertram,	Died in Salem, March 22, 1882—aged 86 years.
274	March, "	Solomon Giddings,	Died on Coast of Africa, 1834.
275	" "	Horace H. Jenks,	Died in St. Louis, 1849.

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276	March, 1830	John F. Brookhouse,	Died in North Reading, 1851.
277	July, "	George Peirce,	Died in China, 1856.
278	September, "	B. G. Ropes,	Died in Port Chester, New York, Jan. 1, 1871.
279	" "	Andrew Ward,	Died in Salem, 1860.
280	March, 1831.	Richard Davis,	Died in Salem, 1866.
281	" "	Charles Hill,	Left Society, 1839.
282	August, "	Caleb Cook, Jr.,	Died in 1838.
283	February, 1832.	J. Ingersoll Bowditch,	Died in 1839, in Boston.
284	March, "	Lewis Endicott,	Died in Boston, November, 1870.
285	July, "	Henry Archer,	Died in Salem, 1848.
286	" "	John F. Allen,	Died in Salem, February, 1871.
287	August, "	John P. Page,	Died in 1838.
288	" "	Samuel Varney,	Died in 1838.
289	January, 1833.	Joseph Winn,	Died in Dover, N. Hampshire, May 9, 1875.
290	May, "	William C. Briggs,	Died in Salem, August 11, 1880.
291	March, 1834.	William R. L. Ward,	Died in Boston, 1835.
292	July, "	Charles F. Barstow,	Died in New York, Dec. 23, 1897—86 years.
293	April, 1835.	B. H. Silsbee,	Died at Detroit, 1849.
294	" "	William P. Endicott,	Died in Salem, February 22, 1880.
295	June, "	Charles Mansfield,	Dead.
296	August, "	William P. Peirce,	Died in Salem, 1868.
297	September, 1835.	William B. Parker,	Died in Salem, 1859.
298	" "	William Pickman Abbott,	Died in Salem, December 24, 1878.
299	March, 1836.	Benjamin R. Leach,	Died in New Hampshire, April 28, 1880.
300	July, "	Thomas D. Brace,	Died in 1839.
301	September, 1836.	James S. Kimball,	Died in California.
302	" "	Thomas W. Rea,	Died in Salem, May 21, 1875—70½ years.
303	November, "	Augustus Perry,	Left Society, 1841.
304	February, 1837.	John B. Silsbee,	Died in Salem, 1871.
305	November, 1839.	Charles H. Fabens,	Died in Salem, 1867.
306	January, 1840.	Peter Silver,	Died in Salem, 1869.

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307	February, 1840.	John F. Webb,	Died in South Hampton, England.
308	May, " "	Robert W. King,	Died in 1842.
309	July, " "	John W. Rogers,	Died in China, 1847.
310	September, " "	John G. Waters,	Died in Salem, 1860.
311	" " "	Richard P. Waters,	Died in Beverly, May 18, 1887.
312	November, 1841.	William D. Pickman,	Dead.
313	January, 1842.	Benjamin Balch,	Died in Salem, 1863.
314	March, " "	William J. Chever.	
315	May, " "	B. R. Peabody,	
316	" " "	Henry Chever,	
317	September, 1843.	William B. Graves,	Died in Salem, February 28, 1874—76 years.
318	November, 1846.	Charles Emery,	Died in California, 1853.
319	" " "	Wm. C. Rogers,	Died in Salem, Feb. 25, 1872—52 years.
320	September, 1848.	Charles D. Mugford,	Died in Salem, 1868.
321	November, " "	Theodore A. Neal,	Dead.
322	July, 1850.	Nicholas T. Snell,	
323	" " 1851.	John B. Fisk,	Died in Salem, July 5, 1880—70 years.
324	May, 1852.	William O. Johnson,	Died in Salem, February 22, 1881—78 years.
325	September, " "	Alfred A. Reed,	Died in Salem, July 3, 1874—53½ years.
326	" " "	E. W. Cramerus,	Dead.
327	" " "	John Swasey,	Died in Salem, March, 1888.
328	" " 1855.	Nathaniel D. Silsbee,	
329	May, 1857.	Richard D. Rogers,	Died in Salem, 1874.
330	" " "	S. Endicott Peabody,	
331	July, 1858.	Joseph Hammond,	Died in Salem, August, 1890—83 years.
332	September, 1859.	Wm. McMullan,	Died in Salem, 1862.
333	" " 1860.	Nathaniel J. Kinsman,	Lost in China Sea, 1867.
334	May, 1864.	Thomas Kimball,	Died in Danvers, December 2, 1885.
335	December, 1865.	Nathaniel Brown,	Died in Salem, December 10, 1879.
336	" " "	A. S. Perkins,	Died in Salem, December 14, 1886.
337	May, 1866.	Samuel Hutchinson, Jr.,	Died in Boston, April 26, 1892.

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338	August, 1867.	N. A. Batchelder,	Died in Salem, May 17, 1896—63 years.
339	November, 1867.	W. George Webb,	Died in Lincoln, Mass., August, 1896.
340	" "	George Ropes,	Died in Swampscott, August, 1894—63 years.
341	" "	John F. Osgood,	Dead.
342	" "	William Endicott,	
343	May, 1868.	W. T. Savory,	Died in Florida, February 12, 1897—70 years.
344	" "	John Kerivan,	Died off East Coast of Africa, 1870.
345	" "	Joseph H. M. Bertram,	Died in Salem, March, 1877.
346	" "	W. H. Hathorne,	Died in London, Eng., Feb., 1886—47 years.
347	September, 1868	Lewis F. Miller,	Died in Salem, May 30, 1899—82 years.
348	" "	Robert Manning,	Died in Salem, May 25, 1887.
349	July, 1869.	Wm. A. Creesy,	Died in Salem, July 16, 1874—56 years.
350	September, 1869.	Thomas Fuller,	
351	" "	Wm. H. Jelly,	
352	" "	Wm. B. Smith,	Died in Salem, March 13, 1881.
353	" "	Samuel G. Rea,	Died in Salem, November, 1890.
354	" "	S. Cloutman,	Died in Zanzibar, May, 1875.
355	" "	M. W. Shepard,	Died in Salem, December, 1896—70 years.
356	" "	Edward F. Brown,	Died in Salem, Aug. 8, 1873—36½ years.
357	" "	Wm. Pousland,	Died in Salem, April, 1872.
358	" "	James Buffington,	Died in Boston, January 14, 1881.
359	" "	W. H. A. Putnam,	Died in Salem, August, 1871.
360	" "	Henry L. Williams,	Died in Salem, September 27, 1879—64 years.
361	" "	R. D. Tucker,	Died in Salem, April 11, 1899—66 years.
362	" "	James C. Ballard,	Died in Florida, 1897.
363	" "	Edward D. Ropes,	
364	" "	Nathan H. Millett,	
365	October, 1869.	W. G. Saltonstall,	Died in Europe, July, 1889.
366	" "	G. Z. Silsbee,	Died in Beverly, Sept. 10, 1895—70 years.
367	" "	John Webster,	Died in Salem, 1891—87 years.
368	" "	Thomas Perkins, Jr.,	



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369	October, 1869.	George F. Putnam,	Died in Salem, July 29, 1878—80 years.
370	" "	Charles Hoffman,	Died in Boston.
371	" "	George W. Pousland,	Died at Sea, 1877.
372	" "	John E. A. Todd,	
373	" "	Albert P. Goodhue,	
374	" "	Wm. W. Goodhue,	Died in California.
375	" "	Charles H. Allen, Jr.,	
376	" "	Charles C. Osgood,	Died in Salem, April 9, 1886—52 years.
377	" "	Joseph Osgood,	Died in Salem, August 20, 1877—52 years.
378	" "	Edward A. Silsbee,	
379	November, 1869.	George O. Harris,	Died in Salem, 1888.
380	December, "	C. F. W. Brown,	Died at St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 18, 1873—48 yrs.
381	July, 1870.	J. C. Pond,	Died in Salem, 1887.
382	" "	Thomas W. Hutchinson,	Died in San Francisco, Nov., 1896—68 years.
383	July 12, 1871.	Samuel P. Walcott,	Died in Salem, June 25, 1885.
384	" 11, 1872.	Benjamin P. Clough,	Died in Salem, November 13, 1888.
385	" "	Benjamin Hutchinson,	Died at Sea, Feb. 23, 1873; bur. at Pitcans Is.
386	" "	Daniel F. Hutchinson,	Died in Salem, February, 1889.
387	" 3, 1873.	Frederick Johnson,	Died in Salem, Aug. 9, 1897—78 years.
388	October 15, 1874.	James F. Johnson,	
389	April 5, 1877.	Wm. Francis Jelly,	
390	" "	George E. Lord,	
391	Jan'y 11, 1878.	Samuel A. Lord,	Died in China, Aug. 30, 1891—56 years.
392	" 3, 1879.	Henry Gardner, 2d,	Died in Salem, 1888.
393	" 6, 1882.	Thomas F. Hunt,	Died in Salem, January 21, 1898—57 years.
394	October 17, 1883.	A. E. B. Govea,	Died in Salem, Dec. 16, 1890—63 years.
395	July 26, 1884.	Charles H. Tibbets,	
396	Jan'y 4, 1889.	E. B. Trumbull,	Died in Salem, August 19, 1895—55 years.
397	" "	J. Warren Luscomb,	
398	October 6, 1890.	Charles Beadle,	
399	Jan'y 4, 1893.	William Beadle,	

No.	Time of Admission.	Names of Members.	Remarks.
400	April 7, 1897.	J. Clifford Entwisle,	

No. of living members, November, 1899, 21.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Admitted.  
1859.  
1869.

Names.  
Lieutenant M. F. Maury.  
John Robinson.

Remarks.  
Expelled, 1861.

## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY,

FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1799.

### PRESIDENTS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Time of Service.</i>
Benjamin Hodges . . . . .	From 1799 to 1806
Benjamin Carpenter . . . . .	" 1806 to 1808
Ichabod Nichols . . . . .	" 1808 to 1811
Benjamin Carpenter . . . . .	" 1811 to 1812
Samuel G. Derby . . . . .	" 1812 to 1817
Dudley L. Pickman . . . . .	" 1817 to 1820
Nathaniel Bowditch . . . . .	" 1820 to 1823
Stephen White . . . . .	" 1823 to 1827
George Cleveland . . . . .	" 1827 to 1830
Nathaniel L. Rogers . . . . .	" 1830 to 1832
William Fettyplace . . . . .	" 1832 to 1836
Richard S. Rogers . . . . .	" 1836 to 1839
Charles M. Endicott . . . . .	" 1839 to 1857
Allen Putnam . . . . .	" 1857 to 1864
Benjamin H. Silsbee . . . . .	" 1864 to 1880
William G. Webb . . . . .	" 1880 to 1896
William H. Jelly . . . . .	" 1896

### COMMITTEE OF OBSERVATION.

Ichabod Nichols . . . . .	From 1799 to 1800
Jonathan Lambert . . . . .	to 1805
Benjamin Carpenter . . . . .	to 1806

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Time of Service.</i>
John Osgood . . . . .	From 1800 to 1807
John Collins . . . . .	" 1805 to 1807
John Ropes . . . . .	" 1806 to 1807
Samuel G. Derby . . . . .	" 1807 to 1808
Benjamin Crowninshield . . . . .	to 1808
Jonathan Mason . . . . .	" to 1808
Nathaniel Silsbee . . . . .	" 1808 to 1809
Moses Townsend . . . . .	to 1816
Robert Emery . . . . .	to 1816
James Devereux . . . . .	" 1809 to 1816
Moses Townsend . . . . .	" 1816 to 1819
Jonathan Hodges . . . . .	to 1819
Stephen Phillips . . . . .	to 1819
John Dodge . . . . .	" 1819 to 1821
Stephen White . . . . .	to 1821
William P. Richardson . . . . .	to 1821
Stephen White . . . . .	" 1821 to 1823
Richard S. Rogers . . . . .	to 1823
Samuel Tucker . . . . .	to 1823
Abijah Northey . . . . .	" 1823 to 1824
Jeremiah Briggs . . . . .	to 1824
Nathaniel L. Rogers . . . . .	to 1825
Samuel Rea . . . . .	" 1824 to 1825
James B. Briggs . . . . .	" 1825 to 1825
Abijah Northey . . . . .	to 1827
Henry Prince, Jr. . . . .	to 1827
Israel Williams . . . . .	to 1827
James W. Cheever . . . . .	" 1827 to 1829
Francis Boardman . . . . .	to 1829
Ephraim Emerton . . . . .	to 1831
Holten J. Breed . . . . .	" 1829 to 1832
Thorndike Proctor . . . . .	" 1830 to 1832
William H. Neal . . . . .	" 1831 to 1832
Emery Johnson . . . . .	" 1832 to 1833
Joseph Hodges . . . . .	to 1883
Timothy Bryant, Jr. . . . .	" 1833 to 1836
Allen Putnam . . . . .	" 1836 to 1846

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Time of Service.</i>
Charles M. Endicott . . . . .	From 1836 to 1839
William D. Waters . . . . .	" 1839 to 1852
John Bertram . . . . .	" 1846 to 1855
Allen Putnam . . . . .	" 1852 to 1855
William B. Parker . . . . .	" 1855 to 1861
Charles Mansfield . . . . .	" 1855 to 1868
Charles Millett . . . . .	" 1855 to 1878
Charles Roundy . . . . .	" 1861 to 1886
William B. Parker . . . . .	" 1868 to 1879
Peter Silver . . . . .	" 1879 to 1884
Lewis F. Miller . . . . .	" 1879
William H. Jelly . . . . .	" 1884 to 1896
Edward D. Ropes . . . . .	" 1886
Richard D. Tucker . . . . .	" 1886 to 1899
Albert P. Goodhue . . . . .	" 1899 to
George E. Lord . . . . .	" 1899 to



## TREASURERS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Time of Service.</i>
Jacob Crowninshield . . . .	From 1799 to 1808
Nathaniel Silsbee . . . .	" 1808 to 1817
William Fettyplace . . . .	" 1817 to 1830
John B. Osgood . . . .	" 1830 to 1840
Nathaniel Griffin . . . .	" 1840 to 1867
Nathaniel Brown . . . .	" 1867 to 1879
Nathan H. Millett . . . .	" 1879

## SECRETARIES.

Jonathan Hodges . . . .	From 1799 to 1801
Moses Townsend . . . .	" 1801 to 1802
Nathaniel Bowditch . . . .	" 1802 to 1803
William Ward . . . .	" 1803 to 1804
Nathaniel Appleton . . . .	" 1804 to 1808
George Nichols . . . .	" 1808 to 1810
Dudley L. Pickman . . . .	" 1810 to 1812
William Lander, Jr. . . .	" 1812 to 1814
George Cleveland . . . .	" 1814 to 1815
William H. Prince . . . .	" 1815 to 1815
John W. Treadwell . . . .	" 1815 to 1820
Nathaniel L. Rogers . . . .	" 1820 to 1821
Peter Lander, Jr. . . .	" 1821 to 1825
Henry Ropes . . . .	" 1825 to 1830
Charles M. Endicott . . . .	" 1830 to 1830
Gilbert G. Newhall . . . .	" 1830 to 1834
John F. Allen . . . .	" 1834 to 1836
George W. Jenks . . . .	" 1836 to 1836
Nathaniel Griffin . . . .	" 1836 to 1846

Thomas Saul . . . . .	From 1846 to 1875
Joseph Hammond . . . . .	" 1875 to 1890
Nathan A. Bachelder . . . . .	" 1890

STATEMENT OF THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY,  
DECEMBER, 1898.

Consists in Bank Stock, Railroad Bond, and Deposits in Savings Banks, etc., amounting to . . . . .	\$19,595.00
The Robinson Trust Fund is in addition to the above, of . . . . .	10,000.00
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	\$29,595.00

## AGREEMENT WITH TRUSTEES OF PEABODY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

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This agreement made this sixth day of April, A. D. 1867, by and between the Salem East India Marine Society, a Corporation duly established by law at Salem, in the County of Essex, of the first part, and Francis Peabody, Asa Gray, William C. Endicott, Otheriel C. Morse, George Peabody Russell, Henry Wheatland, Abner C. Goodell, Jr., James R. Nichols, and Henry C. Perkins, Trustees as hereinafter named, of the second part, witnesseth, That, whereas the said parties of the second part have been appointed Trustees under a certain instrument of trust from George Peabody, Esquire, dated February 26th, A. D., 1867, for the objects and purposes therein named, among which objects named is the purchase of the East India Marine Hall in Salem, and the depositing therein with the consent of the parties of the first part as a trust forever, the collections and Museum of said East India Marine Society; and whereas the said Trustees have this day received a deed of said Hall and the land under and around the same, from the East India Marine Hall Corporation, a Corporation duly established by law at Salem aforesaid,—the party of the first part assenting to the said conveyance, and cancelling a lease of said Hall, held by them and accorded with the Essex deeds, Book 236, leaf 244; and whereas the said Society did, on December 27th, A. D., 1866, make an agreement in regard to the care and deposit of their collections and museum now in said Hall, which agreement was made in view of the aforesaid donation of George Peabody, Esquire, to said Trustees; and whereas it is now pro-

posed to deposit said collection and museum with said Trustees by this agreement ; and whereas said Trustees intend to alter said Hall, erect other buildings, add to said collections, and rearrange and combine the whole together :—

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties hereto, in consideration of the foregoing, and of the mutual agreements and undertakings herein recited, that the museum and collections of said Society, now in said Hall, shall be deposited with the said Trustees, to be kept by them and their successors as a permanent deposit upon the trust and confidence that the same shall be kept in said Hall by said Trustees, or in a building equally as good and properly cared for and arranged, as the deposit of said Society, giving to the same equal care and protection bestowed upon other collections which the said Trustees will place, or cause to be placed, in said Hall, from the Essex Institute or other sources. And it is further agreed, that all articles in said collection of an archæological or ethnological character, and such articles as have reference to the history of said Society, shall be arranged in cases upon the eastern side of the Hall if practicable, and with the same shall be incorporated articles of a similar description, belonging to the Essex Institute, or other collections ; and all articles relating to the natural sciences shall be deposited with the general collection in said Hall, in their respective departments ; and all articles belonging to the collection of said Society, shall be labelled and catalogued as the deposit of said Society ; and in case any articles of said deposit shall become duplicates by the union of said collection with other collections, then the same may be exchanged. All specimens received in exchange, therefore, shall be labelled and catalogued as aforesaid ; and any articles which cannot be arranged under the departments heretofore named, or are unsuitable, or can-

not be retained in the present Hall for want of room, or without injury to the arrangement, may be deposited in a lecture room which the Trustees propose to build, or in Plummer Hall, or be held at the disposal of the Society.

And it is further agreed, that, upon the rearrangement of the collections and the completion of the museum, as the Trustees propose, that the members of the East India Marine Society shall have the same right to visit, and to induce their friends to visit the same, which they now have to their own museum; and in the event that the said Trustees shall require an admission fee to view the same, then the said Society shall receive such proportion of said admission fee as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

And it is further agreed, that the said Trustees shall furnish suitable rooms and accommodations free of charge, for all business meetings of the officers and members of the said Society, during the existence of said Society.



And it is further agreed, that if any difference of opinion shall arise between the parties hereto in carrying out the provisions of this agreement, and the parties hereto are unable to agree, the same shall be left to the decision of three disinterested persons, whose decision in the premises shall be final.

And the parties hereto of the first and second part, above recited, for themselves and their successors, bind themselves and their successors to each and all of the agreements and undertakings herein set forth.

In witness whereof the said Trustees and the said East India Marine Society, by the hands of Charles Mansfield and Charles D. Mugford, thereto duly authorized, empowered by a vote of said Society, a copy of which is annexed hereto, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, this sixth day



of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

	Signed,	
Witness to signing and seal-	C. D. Mugford,	
ing of C. D. Mugford and	Chas. Mansfield,	SEAL
Chas. Mansfield,	Francis Peabody,	
George Wheatland,	Asa Gray,	
G. D. Phippen,	Wm. C. Endicott,	
B. W. Russell.	O. C. Marsh,	
	Geo. Peabody Russell,	
	Henry Wheatland,	
	Abner C. Goodell, Jr.	
	H. C. Perkins,	
	Jas. R. Nichols.	

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At a meeting of the Salem East India Marine Society held on July 5, 1899, it was voted, That Capt. J. Clifford Entwisle, Capt. Nathan H. Millett, Capt. George E. Lord, be a committee to carry into effect the celebration of the approaching Centennial Anniversary of the Society, authorizing them to collect such data as can be obtained in relation to the history of the charter members and also of other early members of the Society, together with names of ships belonging to Salem, their commanders, destination and return, and any incidents relative to them of which any record can be found.

To be embodied in a report and be made to the Society at the next October meeting, this being the Centennial of the Society.

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Quarterly meeting of the Salem East India Marine Society, this being the Centennial Anniversary of the Society, was held in the lecture room, East India Marine Hall building, on

October 4, 1899, at 4 P. M. President William H. Jelly in the chair. Thirteen members present. First business after reading the records of the last meeting was to hear the report of the committee appointed on the Celebration.

Said report was read by the Chairman, Captain J. Clifford Entwisle as follows.

## REPORT.

*Mr. President and Brethren of the East India Marine Society:*

We meet together today on the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of this Society, and as it has been deemed proper to take some notice of this event, your committee, appointed at the meeting in July, have collected a few details relating to those men who were instrumental in its foundation.

At the close of the Revolutionary war and the acknowledgment of the Independence of the United States, a new field for commerce was opened.

In the colonial days commerce had been much restricted by the British government, but yet there had been considerable trade to some European ports, and to the West India islands, together with a (for the time) large coastwise trade, but all of it in small vessels.

The fishing business was also carried on to quite a large extent.

Although Salem at that time had quite a small population, it had bred a hardy race of seamen, who had gathered a good business experience in their various trading voyages.

Immediately after the peace of 1783, the enterprising business men of the town took advantage of the opportunity for a larger foreign trade. Ships were built and fitted out for voyages to the Indies and to the western coasts of America.

In the course of a few years, many of these voyages had been made, and presumably the captains and supercargoes had conceived and debated the matter of forming a new Marine Society to be composed of such captains and supercargoes as had sailed the waters near Cape Horn or the Cape of Good Hope, which finally evolved in the formation of the East India

Marine Society, which held its first meeting for organization and election of officers on October 1st, 1799. At that meeting Capt. Benjamin Hodges was chosen president ; Capt. Jacob Crowninshield was chosen treasurer ; Capt. Jonathan Hodges was chosen secretary ; Capt. Ichabod Nichols, Capt. Jonathan Lambert, Capt. Benjamin Carpenter, committee of observation.

This first meeting was held at the tavern of Benjamin Webb. There were thirty-one members of the Society at that time.

The object of the Society was :—

First.—To assist the widows and children of deceased members who may need it, from the income of funds obtained from fees of admission and annual assessments.

Second.—To collect such facts and observations as tend to the improvement and security of navigation. For this purpose every member bound to sea is authorized to receive from the Society a blank journal in which he is to insert all things worthy of notice which occur on his voyage, and upon his return it is to be deposited with the Society.

Third.—To form a Museum of natural and artificial curiosities, particularly such as are to be found beyond the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn.

At the second meeting, Nov. 6, 1799, it was voted that Capt. Benjamin Crowninshield, Jonathan Mason, Jr., and Benjamin Carpenter be a committee to list and arrange the articles in the cabinet, and to note by whom deposited.

A special meeting was held December 27th, 1799, to choose a committee of three to join the committee of the Masonic and Military Societies, to consult and make arrangements for noticing the death of that great and good man, George Washington, in a proper manner.

January 1st, 1800, it was voted to petition the General Court for an act of Incorporation.

March 3d, 1801, the Society received the Act of Incorporation, granted by the General Court, and approved by the Governor.

In the early days of the Society it was customary to have a dinner annually in January, and sometimes oftener, always with invited guests.

November 7th, 1804, the Society marched in procession, preceded by a guard from the Salem Cadets, through the principal streets and back to their hall where they dined. About a dozen of the merchants and notable gentlemen were present as guests.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 1805, the Society paraded and marched through the principal streets escorted by Major John Saunders' Company of Light Infantry.

November 5th, 1806, the Society with invited guests paraded under escort of a division of the Salem Artillery under command of Lieut. Russell, and marched through the principal streets to the hall, where they partook of an elegant entertainment provided by Mr. Christopher Osgood.

It is very probable that some of the famous East India Madeira wine was furnished at these banquets—for it was customary at that day for their ships bound to India to call at the island of Madeira and take on board a number of casks of it, and carry them the voyage around to Salem, to ripen and improve.

For a long series of years after this importation was discontinued, small lots of this wine (?) were periodically put up at auction, in dusty and cobweb covered bottles, by a famous old caterer.

In 1817, it was voted that the president of this Society be requested to wait upon the President of the United States, and in the name of the Society invite him with his suite to visit the



Museum. And to extend a similar invitation to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

In October, 1813, at a special meeting, probably owing to the hard times caused by the long embargo and the war with England, it was voted by a vote of thirty-nine (39) against five (5) that a dinner should not be provided at the approaching anniversary.

At a special meeting, August 17, 1813, the secretary read a letter from Mr. William Treadwell, secretary of the committee of arrangements, for the funeral of Capt. Lawrence and Lieut. Ludlow of the Frigate Chesapeake.

The question, shall this society attend the funeral was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 32 ; Nays, 19.

Much more of interest could be gathered from the records, but we have confined ourselves to the matters in which the earliest members were partakers.

Of the founders of this Society we find the names of most of them as captains of ships to East Indian ports, and among them of Capt. James Devereux, who, being at Batavia in June, 1799, in command of ship Franklin, was chartered by the Dutch East India Company, they, owing to the wars in Europe, having no ship for their yearly voyages to Japan ; to take a cargo to, and return from there with cargo to Batavia. He left Batavia June 17, 1799, and arrived back December 18 of the same year. The charter party is quite a long document, giving specified directions as to strictly obeying all the rules presented by the Japanese, with cautions regarding the danger of not so doing. The amount of sugar, pepper and other produce, in which he was to be paid for his voyage, appears to have been enough to have made a complete cargo for his ship. This was the first American ship to enter Japanese waters.

Another voyage to Japan was made by the ship Margaret,

Capt. Samuel G. Derby, in the year 1801. This ship was chartered by the Dutch East India Company, of Batavia, on the same conditions as those with the "Franklin," and made the voyage to Japan and back to Batavia in about five months.

Thus the honor belongs to this Society of having two of its members in command of the first American ships to enter Japanese ports.

The journals kept by some of these captains are very interesting, containing directions for navigating in those, then distant seas, descriptions of the various ports visited, with the manners and customs of trade, quotations of current prices of outward and homeward cargoes, in addition to the usual seaman's log.

It was not unusual for their friends to give them a parting salute, for on Sunday, March 11th, 1792, the "Grand Turk," Capt. Benjamin Hodges, sailed from Salem, and on passing the old fort, were greeted with three cheers from a great number of their friends who had assembled there, and which all on board heartily returned.

On May 15th of the same year, Capt. Benjamin Carpenter sailed from Boston for Calcutta in the ship "Hercules," which must have been a good sized vessel, for on a fly-leaf of his journal is a list of all on board, thirty-nine in number.

He notes sailing on the above date "accompanied by the owner of the ship and several of his friends, at two o'clock had a cold collation (which was previously provided for the occasion), after which we spent the afternoon very agreeably, and at six, the owner and his friends left us, after giving the usual salute of three huzzas, which we returned, abreast of the Light House."

Capt. Carpenter's journal also gives an interesting account of his call at the island of Teneriffe, where he purchased forty-

two pipes of wine, to add to his outward cargo. He was very hospitably entertained by the Merchants of the place, but still he had an eye open for business, for he quoted prices of all kinds of American produce, and also the price of wine, both for India and New York.

Many pages of his journal are filled with directions for trade at the various ports from Maderia to and in the East Indies.

Many extracts from these old journals might be given, but we cannot forbear giving one or two quotations.

One of our captains gives us the manner and the result of his attempt to distil fresh from salt water. He succeeded very well, obtaining good fresh water.

That there was some sentiment and philosophy among these men, we quote again :—

August 31st, “ At anchor near Johore, found one dollar in the mouth of a bag, above the string ; which I knew of a certainty contained one thousand dollars—which induced me to count it, and found fifteen dollars deficient. I do not judge any man, but wish the person who took it would reflect seriously on the consequences of indulging in small vices, and determine to reform in the whole of his conduct, remembering the lines of the best English poet, which I here insert :

‘ There is a monster of so frightful mien  
As to be hated, needs but to be seen.  
Yet sin too oft, familiar with her face  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.’ ”

Again :

“ Spoke Ship Philip Stevens of Liverpool, James Bowie, Master, from old Calabar with a cargo of those (unhappy fellow animals) whose happiness is sacrificed to satisfy the ambition of avaricious men who are proud of living under the light of Christianity, and more especially of Philosophy, the doc-

trines and principles of both, being diametrically opposite to the abominable and infamous sin—is damnable ; it is certainly this, of making slaves of our own species.

The Captain came on board, he appeared to be one of those stupid brutes of men, who never thought or knew whether he was on a right or wrong line. His constitution appears to be in that state the cursed trade subjects those to who follow it. In short he appeared to be a stupid decrepit devil.” Coming to mundane affairs again—he says—“ We got about eighty yams from him, which are very agreeable to us, as our bread is intolerable.”

The first president of the Society was Captain Benjamin Hodges—who served from 1799 to 1806.

It is written of him. “ The education of Capt. Hodges was in the habits of his ancestors, for the sea service, and he soon attracted that notice which gave him the command of the “ Grand Turk ” so well known in the first history of the enterprising commercial spirit of Salem. He was of fine person, commanding aspect and dignified manners.

His success soon provided him the means of remaining at home with his family, but he still continued in mercantile life. He was chosen as one of the Overseers of the Poor, and was chosen as the head of other Societies. Appeals were frequently made to his judgment in mercantile and private concerns—and no dissension in church or state rendered his benevolence questionable.

He died at Salem, April 13th, 1806, and the writer of the above notice says his death is universally considered a public loss, and his memory will be dear to all that knew him.

Following were :

Capt. Benjamin Carpenter from 1806 to 1808, and again in 1811 and 1812.

He was born at Newport, R. I., removing in early life to Massachusetts, where he followed the sea for the principal part of thirty years, with the character of an intelligent, generous and active man.

He commanded the first cartel sent to England in the Revolutionary War, with captive British officers, which for a time puzzled the government there, whether to condemn the vessel, send her commander to Newgate as a rebel, or to purchase his ship. They preferred the latter, and thus avoided the nice question of independence.

He is believed to be the first who carried the thirteen stripes round the Cape of Good Hope after the peace of 1783, and exhibited them on his return at the Island of St. Helena.

Wherever Capt. Carpenter went, he bore about him the pride of country. He felt like an American, judged like a man of sense, and acted like an honest one.

A deep and aggravated domestic loss (his only son was left to perish on a wreck at sea) broke down a strong constitution and sowed the seeds of disease. He died at Cambridge in the seventy-second year of his age, leaving behind him a pleasant and unstained memory.

Ichabod Nichols, a distinguished shipmaster and merchant, from 1808 to 1811. He died at Salem, July 2nd, 1839, aged 90 years.

Samuel G. Derby, a shipmaster and merchant, from 1812 to 1817.

Dudley L. Pickman from 1817 to 1820. He was an eminent merchant for many years, and died at Salem in October 1846.

Nathaniel Bowditch from 1820 to 1823. He was born in Salem and received such an education as the common schools could give him, and at an early age entered a Ship Chandlery,



the store where he was employed until he reached the age of twenty-one years.

Having by his diligence and mathematical ability attracted the attention of some of the prominent merchants, he was offered the situation of captain's clerk of the ship *Henry*, Capt. Prince, on a voyage to India. He made four voyages with Capt. Prince, and having much leisure time in the long passages, employed himself in his mathematical studies. After these four voyages he remained at home for several years engaged in mercantile pursuits with Capt. Prince,—later he bought an interest in a new ship, "*Putnam*" in which he made a voyage as captain to Sumatra for a cargo of pepper. After his return he gave up a seafaring life, and was president of an Insurance Company in Salem for several years, and in 1823 was chosen president of a Life Insurance Company in Boston, to which city he removed.

Throughout his life he continued his mathematical work, and received honorable distinction from the learned Societies of both his own country and Europe.

In his nautical experience he found that the tables in the works on navigation then in use, contained many errors, and on his sailing on his fourth voyage he was desired by Mr. Blunt, a publisher of Nautical Books, to revise the English work preparatory to his issuing a new and revised edition.

On his return it was found that the errors were so many that it was concluded that Mr. Bowditch should edit a new book which resulted in the "*Practical Navigator*" published in 1802 and of which the copyright was sold to the United States Government in 1866 and is still published. This work has been the handbook of our American Shipmasters for nearly one hundred years.

We must notice two others of the founders who became prominent in public life.

Jacob Crowninshield, who commanded Ship Henry on a voyage to India, and was the first Treasurer of the Society. He was elected to the national House of Representatives from this district, and while a member of the House, died at Washington, April 15th, 1808, at the age of thirty-eight years.

A notice of him in a newspaper of that time says, "The proceedings of Congress today will advise you of the death of Hon. Jacob Crowninshield, late, one of the most valuable members of the House. He was one of the most enlightened mercantile characters in the national legislature. Such a man at the present moment the nation can but illy spare and I fear that old Massachusetts will find a difficulty in sending in his place a representative so practically conversant in maritime concerns."

Nathaniel Silsbee made several voyages to India, and on retiring from sea, was for many years engaged in an extensive commerce with the East Indies. He also held the honorable position of president of our state senate, and as a senator from Massachusetts to the national senate. He died at Salem, July 14, 1850, after a long and useful life, honored and respected by the community.

It has already been mentioned that at the second meeting of the Society, a committee of three members had been appointed to list and arrange the articles in the cabinet, thus showing that a movement toward the formation of a museum had been started.

In this connection we quote from Dr. Bentley's Journal of Tuesday, October 22, 1799. "Capt. Carnes from Sumatra showed me various specimens of shells,—a large oyster shell like that given to the Historical Society, the tooth of an elephant, a pipe with two stems, a petrified mushroom cap and

stem, and two boxes in gold, with the penwork extremely nice, and open flowers, the work is of uncommonly thin plates of gold by the Malays.

It is proposed by the new Marine Society called the East India Marine Society to make a cabinet. Nov. 7, 1799,—Mr. Carnes has presented his curiosities to the new East India Marine Society, and they are providing a museum and cabinet."

Dr. Bentley also writes "that this Society has been lately thought. Captain Gibaut first mentioned the plan to me this summer, and desired me to give some plan of articles, or a sketch."

The total number of articles in the catalogue up to the year 1821 numbered 1407.

We find among the old documents, many letters relative to donations to the museum, among them one dated Calcutta, October 8, 1802, to the President and Brethren of the East India Marine Society,—“Please accept as a donation from (here several shipmasters are named) a palanquin, it may gratify the curious and will show the method of travelling in this country.”

In or about the year 1820 from a variety of unfavorable circumstances, the Society was in a situation by no means flattering. The museum itself was in a state of much confusion and many of the most valuable articles in a situation of rapid decay. “The zeal and perseverance with which our late President, Dr. Bowditch, strove, and with so much effect to promote the renovation of the Cabinet, has been acknowledged by the Society in an unanimous vote of thanks.”

Dr. Bowditch frankly acknowledged that his endeavors would have been much less successful, had not the Society been fortunate in obtaining the services of an able and scientific man to superintend the work.

From this time until April, 1867, the Museum was kept in a fair state of preservation, and was visited annually by large numbers of people, mostly strangers, for the fame of it had spread throughout the country. There were no admission fees, but passes were supplied to members of the Society who gave them to applicants.

This was taken advantage of by *naughty boys*, who got their tickets under pretence of wanting to visit the museum and would sell them to strangers for small sums of money. On becoming aware of this, the committee had all the passes stamped "Free." This shows that the small boy was at the front then, as now.

In 1867, the membership of the Society had largely decreased in number, and the care of the museum having become somewhat onerous, an arrangement was made with the Peabody Academy of Science, which had purchased the building containing the museum (in which the Society had been a stockholder) to the effect "that the museum and collections of said Society now in said hall, shall be deposited with the said trustees (of the Peabody Academy of Science) to be kept by them and their successors as a permanent deposit upon the trust and confidence that the same shall be kept in said hall by said trustees, or in a building equally as good, and properly cared for and arranged, as the deposit of said Society, giving to the same equal care and protection bestowed upon other collections, which the said trustees will place, or cause to be placed in said hall, from the Essex Institute or other sources."

It was also agreed that the said trustees shall furnish suitable rooms and accommodations free of charge for all business meetings of the officers and members of the said Society during the existence of said Society.

Since then the hall has been enlarged, and with the additions to the collection, the museum has become one of the chief attractions, not only to the inhabitants of Salem, but to the great number of people from all sections of our country who annually visit us.

At the beginning, the Society had rooms for its collections in the "Stearns Building" at the corner of Essex and Washington Streets; later on, they were removed to a new building built by Col. Pickman which stood on Essex street, a short distance from its present home, on land now covered by the eastern end of the "Downing Block."

In the years 1824 and 1825, the "East India Marine Hall" (in which the Society was a stockholder) was built, and upon its completion, the collections in the museum were removed to it, where it yet remains under the before mentioned conditions.

We copy from the "Register" of October 17 of 1825, "East India Marine Society. This distinguished Society celebrated their twenty-sixth anniversary on Friday, the 14th inst. by a public procession and dinner, on the occasion of their taking possession of the hall which they have lately erected and fitted up in a splendid manner for their accommodation. This hall, over one hundred feet in length and forty in breadth is as chaste and beautiful a specimen of architecture as our country can exhibit, and filled as it is by the rare and curious productions of nature and art from the four quarters of the globe, forms a cabinet unrivalled in this, and excelled by few in any country.

On this occasion the Society was honored with the company of the President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, and many other distinguished guests.

The Society with its guests moved in procession at two o'clock from Hamilton Hall, under the direction of Richard

S. Rogers and Jonathan P. Saunders, Esqs., Marshals, and escorted by a fine band of music, proceeded through some of our principal streets to their new hall on Essex street. The occasion drew together a vast concourse of citizens as spectators, who lined the streets through which the procession moved, and who testified by repeated cheers and greetings, their happiness at beholding their beloved chief magistrate in the midst of a large number of his warmest and most disinterested friends. The dinner was served in a style of magnificence heretofore unequalled in this town."

Among the old documents of the Society we find the following: East India Marine Society, Dr. To English Prisoners of War, May 1814, to repairing etc., etc., the Constitution \$12.00.

As a model of the famous frigate Constitution, was presented to the Museum by Commodore Hull, in the preceeding year, this expense may have been incurred for work in rigging it.

A much longer tale might be told of the doings of this Society, but fearing that it would wear on our hearers' patience, should we continue much farther, we will leave it for the next centennial committee to enlarge upon.

From the organization of the Society until the present time, the total number of members enrolled has been four hundred.

In 1799 the members enrolled numbered 37,—the increase on later periods was as follows:—

1799 to 1820	. . . . .	115
1820 to 1830	. . . . .	110
1830 to 1840	. . . . .	35
1840 to 1850	. . . . .	17
1850 to 1860	. . . . .	12
1860 to 1870	. . . . .	49
1870 to 1899	. . . . .	25

Number of members now living 21.



In 1867, the membership having largely decreased, an effort to increase it was made, which resulted very favorably, but used up about all of the available material.

Since then, owing to the loss of the East Indian Commerce from our city, and the complete revolution in the manner of conducting maritime commerce to all parts of the world, the accessions to our numbers have been very few.

Of the three particular objects for which our Society was initiated, the second and third, owing to changes in maritime affairs have fallen into disuse.

But we take pleasure in saying that the first object, that is "to assist the members of the Society and the widows and children of deceased members, who may need assistance" has from the commencement, throughout the years, to this day, been faithfully carried out.

Since the expiration of the term of Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch as President of this Society his successors have ably filled their official positions, and have been men who held the respect of the community.

One hundred years have passed on, added to the list of centuries, and today we meet to render a tribute to the founders of this old Society.

They were brave and enterprising men, having great cares and responsibilities thrust upon them. Entrusted with the charge of valuable ships and cargoes, they sailed for those but little known coasts of India.

At that period their ships were comparatively small, not coppered, their rigging and sails having none of the modern appliances about them which at this day render the seaman's work less laborious. The mooring cables were of rope, bulky and clumsy to handle, the pumps were of the most simple kind, made from a pine log, hard to work (as some of us well know).

But notwithstanding all this, those ships were strongly built of the best pasture white oak and some of them were very good sailors.

The seas they were to navigate had been but little surveyed, consequently their charts were often erroneous. Chronometers had not then come into general use. The calculations in nautical books were, as we have already mentioned, full of errors.

Lighthouses and beacons were unknown on those coasts and headlands. In spite of all these handicaps they performed their voyages, disposing of their cargoes, and returned home, bringing the valuable products of the Indies. Oftentimes their families and friends had no tidings from them from their departure until their return. Their voyages were ventures, the cargoes being, as we say, on owner's account, for freighting was hardly known, the captain or supercargo having full charge of the business.

We, who have for many years, sailed those distant seas can by reason of our later experience, fully gauge the cares and anxieties experienced by those men, whom we commemorate today.

One hundred years since the first meeting of this Society.

A long time as measured by human life, but yet some of our elder brethren now present can recall the figures of a few, who were members at that meeting, who were not unfamiliar on our streets within their recollection. Some of them completed nearly a half century of membership, living until the years when ocean steamers were crossing the Atlantic, and traversing the eastern seas.

Thus they bridged over the century which has passed, from the formation of our Society to the present day.

In conclusion, your Committee tender its thanks to Capt. John Daland and Mr. A. F. Hitchings, collector and deputy

collector of the port, to the secretary and officials of the Essex Institute, and to Messrs. John Robinson and G. L. Streeter for aid in procuring material for their report.

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Mr. John Robinson, an honorary member of the East India Marine Society, who had for several years been in charge of the museum of the Peabody Academy of Science, was present by invitation and made the following remarks in regard to the developement of the museum.

When George Peabody founded the Peabody Academy of Science in 1867, it was with the understanding that the estate known as East India Marine Hall should be purchased and that the East India Marine Society and the Essex Institute should place in the hands of the new board of trustees, on perpetual deposit, all of their natural history and ethnological collections and all objects of a similar character which should come into their possession in the future. This mutual agreement was promptly and fully carried out. The Institute contributed many objects of ethnological interest, but its chief contribution consisted of a general collection of natural history, particularly rich in corals and mounted birds, and a remarkable collection of the animals, plants, minerals and the pre-historic relics of Essex County. This last named collection has been greatly enlarged and now no other museum in the country can show a more complete collection from its immediate neighborhood than our museum.

The East India Marine Society had but few objects of natural history and these were mostly past their condition for museum purposes. Its unrivalled ethnological collections, however, were of such a character, and the local collections contributed by the Essex Institute were so extensive that they clearly indicated to the board of trustees of the new institu-

tion their duty: to enlarge the two collections in the lines of their developement and to install them in such a way as to make them forever a source of study and intellectual enjoyment. How well the trustees have carried out these intentions may be seen from the following statement of the conditions of the museum at the present time.

Dating from its earlier foundation of 1799, the museum has now completed an unbroken existence of one hundred years, one-third of which have passed over it while under control of the Peabody trustees. During this entire period no admission fee has ever been charged and its doors are now open, "free to all," for seven days of the week throughout the year. In carrying forward their work the trustees have met with a far greater success than was even hoped for at the outset. Gifts of collections and single objects of great value have constantly been received, often from unexpected sources, while from time to time it has been possible to purchase objects needed to complete series in the collections not previously represented.

Some idea of this increase and of the present importance of the museum may be formed from the figures here given, which are based upon careful estimates by case sections; a section of an exhibition case having a frontage of twenty-eight square feet with a depth of two feet. The collection of objects from North America has been increased from two sections to nine sections, that from South America by the addition of one section, Africa has increased from five to nine sections, India, a slight increase, Malay, from one to four sections, the Pacific islands from fifteen to twenty-four sections, China from five to ten sections, while Siam filling two and Yezo one section, were not represented in the original collection. The portraits of Salem merchants and members and officers of the East India Marine Society have been increased from three to sixty-four, forty-five of which are oil paintings, and the collec-

tion of pictures and full-rigged and hull models of Salem vessels has grown up from a single model, that of the "Friendship," to a collection of fifty-five pictures and forty-seven models.

The Japanese collection, owing to the indefatigable efforts of Prof. Morse, the director of the museum, is today unexcelled in any museum in the world, while as a whole there are but two museums in America which possess ethnological collections superior to ours. To view these collections more than fifty thousand persons visit the museum annually and the collections are made of constant use by schools and special students for the purposes of study. Formerly occupying the exhibition cases on but one side of the old hall, they now entirely fill a new hall, especially built for these collections, which is practically fire proof, is convenient, light and cheerful in appearance, while all of the objects are displayed in modern exhibition cases and are clearly labelled.

The national government now wisely conducts the nautical investigations formerly pursued by the East India Marine Society and kindred organizations; the charitable work of the society has never lagged and is today as active a feature as ever, while the third object of the founders, as stated in 1799, the museum, thanks to the great munificence of Mr. Peabody and the generous cooperation of many friends, has grown from the foundation received by the trustees in 1867, until it is now a fitting and unique memorial to the daring men who conceived it and who carried Salem's name to the farthest regions of the world.

May we indulge in the hope that the present development of the museum shall not rest here, but that a greater usefulness may be made possible for it, by such additions to the funds now available in the hands of the trustees, so that the collections may be still farther increased and safe and ample accommodations provided for them.













